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Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/22110 of 28 January 1991, S/22110/Add.3 of 1 February 1991, S/22110/Add.13 of 25 April 1991 and S/22110/Add.21 of 22 July 1991.

During the week ending 14 September 1991, the Security Council took action on the following item:

Admission of new Members (see S/7382, S/7564, S/8301, S/8555, S/8815, S/8896, S/9961, S/10121, S/10296, S/10327, S/10351, S/10462, S/10762, S/10770/Add.1, S/10855/Add.25, S/10855/Add.29, S/11185/Add.22, S/11185/Add.23, S/11185/Add.24, S/11185/Add.31, S/11185/Add.32, S/11593/Add.31, S/11593/Add.32, S/11593/Add.33, S/11593/Add.38, S/11593/Add.39, S/11593/Add.41, S/11593/Add.48, S/11935/Add.25, S/11935/Add.33, S/11935/Add.36, S/11935/Add.45, S/11935/Add.46, S/11935/Add.47, S/11935/Add.48, S/12269/Add.27, S/12269/Add.29, S/12520/Add.32, S/12520/Add.48, S/13033/Add.36, S/13737/Add.7, S/13737/Add.30, S/14326/Add.27, S/14326/Add.38, S/14326/Add.45, S/15560/Add.38, S/16270/Add.7, S/21100/Add.15, S/21100/Add.32 and S/22110/Add.31*)

By a note dated 4 September 1991 (S/23002), the Secretary-General circulated the application of the Republic of Estonia for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 30 August 1991 from the Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia addressed to the Secretary-General.

By a note dated 4 September 1991 (S/23003), the Secretary-General circulated the application of the Republic of Latvia for admission to

membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 30 August 1991 from the Vice-Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia addressed to the Secretary-General.

By a note dated 4 September 1991 (S/23004), the Secretary-General circulated the application of the Republic of Lithuania for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 29 August 1991 from the President of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania addressed to the Secretary-General.

The Security Council considered the applications of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania for admission to membership in the United Nations at its 3006th and 3007th meetings, held on 10 and 12 September 1991.

At the 3006th meeting, on 10 September 1991, in accordance with the provisions of rule 59 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure and in the absence of a proposal to the contrary, the Council referred the applications of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report.

At its 3007th meeting, on 12 September 1991, the Security Council had before it the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/23021), unanimously recommending to the Council three draft resolutions concerning the applications of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania.

At that meeting, in accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Security Council, and upon a proposal by the President, the Security Council proceeded to adopt without a vote the three draft resolutions contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members. The President declared draft resolution A concerning the application of the Republic of Estonia adopted without a vote as resolution 709 (1991); draft resolution B concerning the application of the Republic of Latvia adopted without a vote as resolution 710 (1991); draft resolution C concerning the application of the Republic of Lithuania adopted without a vote as resolution 711 (1991).

Resolution 709 (1991) reads as follows:

> The Security Council,
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> Having examined the application of the Republic of Estonia for admission to the United Nations,
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> Recommends to the General Assembly that the Republic of Estonia be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

Resolution 710 (1991) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Having examined the application of the Republic of Latvia for admission to the United Nations,

Recommends to the General Assembly that the Republic of Latvia be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

Resolution 711 (1991) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Having examined the application of the Republic of Lithuania for admission to the United Nations,

Recommends to the General Assembly that the Republic of Lithuania be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members, and in order to present its recommendations to the General Assembly at its upcoming forty-sixth session, which was scheduled to open on 17 September 1991, the Security Council decided to waive the time-limits set forth in the penultimate paragraph of rule 60 of its provisional rules of procedure.

The President then made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Security Council (S/23032):

"I indeed appreciate the honour bestowed on me, as President of the Security Council, to say on behalf of all its members how pleased the Council is to recommend to the General Assembly that it admit the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania to membership in the United Nations.

"It is a pleasure, but it is also a serious matter, for this is a solemn decision of great symbolic and historic importance that the Security Council is taking. The wheels of history have been turning. The winds of freedom have been blowing down old structures. We are entering a world where perhaps there is less order, but where there is ever more hope.

"The independence of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania was regained peacefully, by means of dialogue, with the consent of the parties concerned, and in accordance with the wishes and aspirations of the three peoples. We can only welcome this development, which obviously represents progress in respecting the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in attaining its objectives.

"To the representatives of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, I should like to say Welcome. The Security Council unanimously took the view that your States meet the conditions laid down in rule 60 for the admission of Members, namely, that they should be peace-loving and able and willing to carry out the obligations contained in the Charter.

"I am confident that as new Members of the United Nations, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will make a constructive contribution to the efforts to promote and uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter.

"It is now for the General Assembly to ratify the judgement of the Security Council and to enable you rightfully to regain your place within the community of nations. Thus this forty-sixth session will see the United Nations, with 166 Members, progress towards the universality that is one of its fundamental principles."